

San Juan County Economic Events

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RTI, a Utah Valley-based company, announced it plans to open a manufacturing facility in Monticello. The company manufactures railroad ties using recycled plastics. If company projections are realized, upwards of 150 persons could be employed in the next several years.

San Juan Record, 8/27/2003

The Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service approved the proposed ATV Safari event in San Juan County in September 2003. Promoters of the event hope it will become an annual tradition and attract ATV riders from around the U.S., helping to augment the county's growing tourism industry.

San Juan Record, 8/27/2003; Blue Mountain Panorama, 8/27/2003

The Utah Permanent Community Impact Fund Board awarded \$125,000 to Monticello to help in the construction of a 1,500 square-foot visitor center and \$100,000 to help remodel the Blanding Clinic/Birthing Center.

San Juan Record, 8/13/2003; Salt Lake Tribune 8/15/2003

The Federal Home Loan Bank awarded \$192,000 in Affordable Housing Program funds to the Navajo Utah Commission and Aneth UNDC Housing to rehabilitate housing on the reservation. The commission will administer the funds through Zions Bank.

Blue Mountain Panorama, 7/30/2003

Monticello City received a U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development grant of \$770,000 and a loan of \$946,700 for substantial improvements to the city's water system.

San Juan Record, 7/30/2003

A new higher education learning center recently opened in Monticello. The 1,500 square-foot building includes classrooms and computer center. Courses are available from Utah State University, College of Eastern Utah – San Juan, and the Utah College of Applied Technology. Similar new higher education centers also opened in Montezuma Creek and Monument Valley.

Blue Mountain Panorama, 7/23/2003; 8/20/2003; San Juan Record; 7/30/2003; 8/20/2003

San Juan County received \$769,100 from the Bureau of Land Management under the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) Act.

San Juan Record, 6/25/2003

The Utah Permanent Community Impact Fund Board awarded \$125,000 to Monticello to help construct a Visitor Center and \$100,000 to the San Juan Health Care Services District for improvements at the Blanding Clinic.

Blue Mountain Panorama, 6/11/2003

Highway 666 has officially changed its name to Highway 491. The road leads east from Monticello toward Colorado and New Mexico.

San Juan Record, 6/11/2003

The Utah Navajo Revitalization Fund board approved \$43,500 for use by four local government entities on the Navajo Reservation for water improvement projects.

San Juan Record, 6/4/2003

International Uranium Corp. announced a suspension of operations at the White Mesa Mill. With the current project at the mill nearing completion, most workers will be furloughed until new contracts are obtained. The company is actively searching for more contracts at the present time.

Blue Mountain Panorama, 5/14/2003